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1. Bulgarian exports of tobacco to the USSR rose from a round figure of 19,000,000 kilograms in 1948 to 25,000,000 kilograms in 1950. The 1951 target for export to the USSR is even higher, 26 or 27 thousand kilograms, in spite of the fact that in recent years the Bulgarian tobacco harvest has tended to decrease.¹
 2. The USSR is now practically the only country to benefit from Bulgarian exports of tobacco, which she obtains at a very low (but unstated) price, although tobacco is shown on the export lists of all trade agreements Bulgaria concludes with both Satellite and non-Satellite countries.²
1. Comment: In the pre-war years Bulgaria's tobacco harvest fluctuated considerably; for example it was 42,228,600 kilograms in 1935-1936; 35,378,500 kilograms in 1936-1937; and 25,900,600 kilograms in 1937-1938.
 2. Comment: Austria, for example, has so far received no Bulgarian tobacco under the agreement of 29 June 1950, which fixed Bulgarian exports of this commodity at 500,000 U.S. dollars.

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